

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 3 beginning on line 21 and ending on line 27 as follows:

With reference to Figures 1 and 2, number 1 indicates as a whole a unit for handling a product 2 defined, in the example shown, by a ream 2a of sheets (not shown) comprising a number of sheets (not shown) superimposed in a substantially vertical ~~direction 2~~ direction 3 and normally wrapped in a sheet of wrapping material (not shown).

Please amend the paragraph on page 4 beginning on line 10 and ending on line 20 as follows:

With reference to Figure 3, each member 5 comprises two metal ~~sections~~ sections 8a, 8b, which extend parallel to each other and to a direction 9 perpendicular to directions 3 and 7, are connected to each other by a number of uprights 10 parallel to one another and to direction 3, and are located one (hereinafter indicated 8a) over the other (hereinafter indicated 8b). Section 8b is defined laterally by a flat surface 11 positioned facing ream 2a, and has a flat plate 12 projecting from surface 11 towards ream 2a to define a fixed bottom jaw 12a of member 5.